

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 29 December 2019*

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## MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: 1 Chronicles 16; Deuteronomy 4, 7-8

## REMEMBER HIS MARVELOUS WORKS

### THE CALL TO "REMEMBER"

One of the problems that has affected us badly is that we do not take time to remember the Lord as we should. When we fail to practise "remembering" we place ourselves in danger.

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## THE DANGER OF FORGETTING

The danger was declared by Moses in the Book of Deuteronomy. It may be listed briefly thus:

### 1. Forgetting God

- a) His acts of mercy
- b) His provision
- c) His protection

### 2. Creating idols for worship

- a) This angers the Lord
- b) This would result in enmity with the Lord

## THINGS WORTH REMEMBERING

Two things were highlighted:

### 1. Remember His marvelous works 1 Chronicles 16:12

- a) Some of them are of historic significance
- b) Others are of a more personal nature
- c) But none of them should be forgotten

### 2. Remember His covenant

- a) God graciously gave to Abraham a wonderful covenant

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- b) He also gave to Israel a covenant when it came out of Egypt
- c) A covenant should be consciously remembered

## THE WONDERFUL THINGS GOD HAS DONE

Many are the wonderful things God has done for us at Bethany in 2019. Let us determine never to forget His wonderful blessings! Let us conclude 2019 recalling the blessings of the Lord!

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*Write to me at: [charlestan@bethanyipc.sg](mailto:charlestan@bethanyipc.sg)*

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship!

*Welcome  
to Bethany TV*

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## NEXT SUNDAY: HOLY COMMUNION

We will begin the New Year with a Communion Service on 5 January 2020. Let us come with prepared hearts and minds to celebrate The Lord's Supper.

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## COMBINED SERVICE

It is good to begin the New Year together as a Church. Our first Worship Service will be a Combined Worship on 5 January 2020.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **MULTIPLE SERVICES**

We will resume Multiple Services on 12 January 2020.

*Teens: 10.30am*

*Evening-Bilingual: 4.00pm*

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## **NEW PULPIT THEME: January-February 2020**

*"The Fear of the LORD"*

May we learn significant lessons that would bless our lives significantly!

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## **CATECHISM CLASSES**

We resume Classes next Sunday, 5 January 2020.

*Time: 1.00pm*

*Venue: 4.07*

May the grace of the Lord be found by all attending Catechism Class!

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## **PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING**

*Monday, 6 January 2019*

*Time: 7.00pm*

## **PRAYER MEETING**

*Monday, 6 January 2019*

*Time: 8.00pm*

## **BIBLE STUDY**

*Tuesday, 7 January 2019*

*Time: 8.00pm*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## ***FELLOWSHIP GROUPS***

Combined 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting on 4 January 2019  
(AM, YPG 1-3; YAG, YMG, AM)

*Time: 3.00 pm*

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## **DML 31 December 2019**

*Time: 8.00pm*

If you would like to share, please contact the Pastoral Team.

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## **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

Pastor will be ministering in India next week (5-9 January 2020).

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL RETREAT**

Date: Friday-Saturday, 10-11 January 2020

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings. Thank God for the ministry of the Sunday School. May the Lord continue to empower the SS teachers!

The SS Ministry is of great importance. Thank God that we can begin the New Year with a special Retreat program.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LUNAR NEW YEAR

1. Combined Worship Service: 26 January 2020

2. Lunar New Year Special

*Saturday, 1 February 2020*

*Time: 4.00pm*

Please register those who are 65 years and above.

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## CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

*Theme: "O LORD, You are My God"*

*Date: 15-20 March 2020*

*Venue: Le Grandeur Resort, Johor*

Plan to sign up for the Family Camp as soon as possible!

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## ADDITIONAL CHURCH STAFF

1. Dillon Low

He began work in Bethany as our Maintenance Officer in December 2019.

2. Ms. Lim Shi Wen

She will be joining the Church Staff on 15 January 2020.

3. Mrs. Goh Yuan Li

She will also be joining our Church staff on 15 January 2020.

As Bethany grows further, we will need more Staff to look after the many ministries that Bethany is maintaining and developing.

# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## Psalm 104:24-26

O LORD, how manifold are Your works!  
In wisdom You have made them all.  
The earth is full of Your possessions—  
    This great and wide sea,  
In which *are* innumerable teeming things,  
    Living things both small and great.  
    There the ships sail about;  
    *There is* that Leviathan  
Which You have made to play there.

### 1. The works of God

- a) They display the wisdom of God
- b) They display the power of God

### 2. Some of the things God created

- a) The high seas
- b) On them:
  - i) Ships ply the sea routes
  - ii) Mighty sea creatures are found there (Leviathan... would include the whales)

# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 29 DECEMBER 2019**

**TEXT: REVELATION 4:11**

**WORTHY TO RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOUR AND POWER**

*You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power;  
for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.*

1. God's glory revealed

- a) In so many ways
- b) To different people

2. God receiving glory

- a) Truly God alone is worthy of receiving glory
  - i) As the Creator
  - ii) As the Sustainer
- b) Let us give to the Lord all the glory that is due to His name

**NEXT SUNDAY: 5 JANUARY 2020**

**TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 10:12**

**TO FEAR THE LORD YOUR GOD**

*And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*



## REMEMBER THE LORD

*How can we forget all that God has done?  
He has protected us from morn to set of sun.  
His works of grace and mercy are manifold;  
We must never allow our hearts to grow cold.*

*How can we forget the New Covenant given?  
This is glorious news all the way from Heaven.  
The promises of blessing are truly amazing;  
Our hearts must be stirred, God's name praising!*

*We must choose to remember God's wonderful grace;  
Our hearts must be deeply moved to seek His face.  
To effectively remember, we must take time to meditate;  
To dwell on the Lord diligently, we must not hesitate.*

*Our hearts would come alive and our faith would be renewed;  
A vibrant faith in God would result in divine strength imbued.  
There is every reason to take the time to consciously remember;  
Let us never our souls to become indolent, loving slumber!*

*Charles Tan*

*Inspiration: 1 Chronicles 16:12, 15*

# Service for the Glory of God

The Lord has given each and every one special abilities;  
Natural talent in the arts quickly spring to mind  
But God gives to believers as well, spiritual gifts of many possibilities;  
They include gifts of ministry, teaching, leading and all kinds.

Armed with our gifts we serve as we receive,  
When we serve we exercise the gift from God.  
With consciousness of His gift we can achieve,  
Good works solely by the grace of our Lord.

Practise consciousness of God's gift till it becomes a part of us;  
Additionally, the process on how we serve is of considerable concern.  
A wrong word said, or action taken, will have negative consequences,  
As good stewards of God, graciousness is what we ought to learn.

However, our ultimate concern is service for the glory of God;  
His glory on earth, our good works must manifest surely.  
Therefore, enable us to serve faithfully by the grace of the Lord;  
So, please make me the servant you want me to be!

Jessie Quek

Inspiration : 1 Peter 4: 10-11

THEME : THE GLORY OF THE LORD

## THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

### COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30AM | CHURCH SANCTUARY

"For you are our glory and joy" 1 Thessalonians 2

Chairmen

Rev Benjamin Chong  
Rev Benjamin Quah

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Organist

Mrs Elsie Poey

Pianist

Mrs Esther Ang

Interpreter

Mrs Koh Baoling

### TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30AM | 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM (3-8)

**NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE THIS WEEK**

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10.30AM

"And Jesus increased" Luke 2:52

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Student-Pastor Moses Kwek

Speaker

Student-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

### EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

4.00PM | 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM (4-7 & 4-8)

**NO EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE THIS WEEK**

Breakfast : Angie  
Fellowship Lunch : Cynthia Wong; Lianya

# BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

|                                 | Day                                          | Time              | Venue                            | Location              |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b>         |                                              |                   |                                  |                       |
| Morning Worship Service         | Sun                                          | 10.30 am          | Church Sanctuary                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor |
| Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)  |                                              |                   | Auditorium 3-1                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor |
| Children's Worship II (P4 – P6) |                                              |                   | Auditorium 4-1                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> floor |
| Teens' Worship Service          |                                              |                   | Auditorium 3-8                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor |
| Evening-Bilingual Worship       |                                              | 4.00pm            | Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8             | 4 <sup>th</sup> floor |
| <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>            |                                              |                   |                                  |                       |
| Crèche                          | Sun                                          | 8.30am<br>10.30am | Green Turf                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> floor |
| Beginners' Sunday School        |                                              | 8.30am            | Auditorium 2-1                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor |
| Junior Sunday School I          |                                              |                   | Auditorium 3-1                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor |
| Junior Sunday School II         |                                              |                   | Auditorium 4-8                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> floor |
| Intermediate Sunday School      |                                              |                   | Auditorium 3-8                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor |
| Senior Sunday School I          |                                              |                   | Fellowship Hall                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> floor |
| Senior Sunday School II         |                                              |                   | Main Sanctuary                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor |
| Senior Sunday School III        |                                              |                   | Prayer Room 4-1                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> floor |
| Senior Sunday School IV         |                                              |                   | Fellowship Hall                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> floor |
| Senior Sunday School IV.II      |                                              |                   | Pastoral Office                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor |
| Special Needs Ministry          |                                              |                   | Auditorium 4-7                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> floor |
| <b>CHOIRS</b>                   |                                              |                   |                                  |                       |
| Singing Kakis                   | Thurs                                        | 8.00 pm           | Auditorium 3-2                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor |
| One Voice                       | Sat                                          | 5.00 pm           | Auditorium 4-8                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> floor |
| Youth Choir                     |                                              | 5.00 pm           | Auditorium 3-1                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor |
| Evergreens                      | Sun                                          | 1.00 pm           | Auditorium 3-1                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor |
| <b>BIBLE STUDY</b>              |                                              |                   |                                  |                       |
| Church Bible Study              | Tue                                          | 8.00 pm           | Church Sanctuary                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor |
| Home Bible Study                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> and<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs | 3.00 pm           | -                                | -                     |
| Mandarin Bible Study            | 1 <sup>st</sup> and<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri   | 7.30 pm           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium | 4 <sup>th</sup> floor |
| <b>CATECHISM CLASS</b>          |                                              |                   |                                  |                       |
|                                 | Sun                                          | 1.00 pm           | Auditorium 4-8                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> floor |
| <b>PRAYER MEETING</b>           |                                              |                   |                                  |                       |
|                                 | Mon                                          | 8.00 pm           | Church Sanctuary                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor |
| <b>FELLOWSHIP GROUPS</b>        |                                              |                   |                                  |                       |
| Young People's Group I          | Sat                                          | 3.00 pm           | Auditorium 2-1                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor |
| Young People's Group II         |                                              |                   | Auditorium 3-8                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor |
| Young People's Group III        |                                              |                   | Auditorium 3-1                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor |
| Young Adults' Group             |                                              |                   | Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8             | 4 <sup>th</sup> floor |
| Young Married Group             |                                              |                   | Auditorium 4-1                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> floor |
| Adults' Ministry                |                                              | 4.00 pm           | Auditorium 4-1                   | 4 <sup>th</sup> floor |

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**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**29 December 2019**  
**Order of Worship**

**PREPARATION**

Pre-Worship Singing

*Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang*  
*Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey*

Century Praise 53

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Rev Benjamin Chong*  
*Rev Benjamin Quah*

Invocation

**PRAISE**

Hymns

VIP No. 758

Down from His Glory

Century Praise 297

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Century Praise 59

To God be the Glory

**“PREACH THE WORD”**

Message: “For you are our glory and joy”

Text : 1 Thessalonians 2

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

**RESPONSE**

Offering

Hymn

Century Praise 419

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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## PASTORAL LETTER

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29 DECEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

*Dear Brethren,*

### **"O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!" 1 Chronicles 16:8**

It is right and proper to write the last Pastoral Letter of 2019 on a note of thanksgiving. And there are so many things that we must thank God for! This has been another truly memorable year of ministry!

1. On the home front in Bethany

a) Provision

- i) Thank God for His gracious provision
- ii) The support the Lord has provided is truly amazing

b) Presence of God with us

- i) In times of sorrow where families experienced bereavement
- ii) In times of celebration of success and happiness

c) Power of God at work

- i) Thank God for souls converted
- ii) And lives that have been further enriched and emboldened
- iii) It is heartening to see our Church motto come alive  
"God is touching lives  
And people care for people"

2. On the Missions front

a) India

The spirit of faith in the Lord remains strong

b) Myanmar

Thank God for new opportunities to develop new ministries next year

c) Perth

Bethel celebrated its Silver Jubilee this year in September 2019

The Spirit of the Lord is touching lives along the way in special and personal ways. Let us rejoice in the Lord and give thanks to Him.

*Prayerfully,  
Pastor Charlie*